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Richmond Traffic Is Centering at Tenth

**Business Moves to Be
More Conservative
in Future**

While there has been a general "exodus" of business concerns both large and small to the new central portion of the business district of Richmond, the main banking concerns have held their positions between Sixth and Eleventh, which is admitted by all to include the main or central business district.

The rumor that the Mercantile main branch bank at Sixth is preparing to move to Tenth and Macdonald, when building accommodations are perfected, is acknowledged to be true by the bank's officials. But the bank is very well equipped and established at its present location, where it has transacted business the past fifteen years.

That the Mercantile people will finally build at the corner of Tenth and Eleventh, headquarters there, depends upon events of the next year or two.

In the meantime, the Mercantile company will administer to their patrons from three banks in Richmond—at the Point, at Sixth and at 23d streets.

Fraud Charged in Realty Deal

Martinez, Dec. 15.—Suit was filed in the superior court Friday by Frank A. Hawthorne, charging H. J. Dempsey & Sons and Mary and Carl White with fraud in a real estate transaction. He asks judgment of \$27,840 and claims that in exchanging a ranch in Mendocino county for an apartment house in San Francisco he was deceived as to the value of the latter and paid too much for it. The ranch comprises 320 acres of land.

County Bastile Had Many 1925 Guests

Martinez, Dec. 18.—Sheriff R. R. Veale is looking over his register finds that he had during the year 513 guests, the majority of them being transients whose time for recuperation at his well conducted hostelry being limited. A number of quite prominent professional gentlemen were detained, some of whom will spend several years in California climate. Among the latter were a number who are remarkably proficient in penmanship.

Too Much Speed; "Shy" on Control

Martinez, Dec. 17.—Henry Vares of Oakland was given a Christmas present yesterday when the judge sentenced him to serve 30 days in jail and pay a fine of \$200. Vares tore through a warehouse in high, wrecking the place to the extent of \$2250, that amount claimed by the owners, who brought damages.

**Mercantile Expanding
In Other Eastbay
Districts**

Berkeley, Dec. 18.—Frank H. Thatcher, vice-president of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, announced today that to keep pace with the growing requirements of Berkeley business, the bank plans during the coming year to improve and enlarge the First Berkeley Branch at the corner of Shattuck avenue and Center street. Plans are now being prepared.

An addition will be built to the present building covering the 40 foot lot adjacent to the south. The addition will be five stories in height, and will conform architecturally with the present bank building, giving a uniform and protected facade of ninety feet on Shattuck avenue.

The entrance to the office building will be moved to the south end of the structure, and the present entrance will be remodeled so as to lead into the lobby of a spacious bank building. New safe deposit and storage vaults will be constructed, accessible from the bank lobby and from the elevator. The vaults will be equipped with every device for the security and convenience of customers.

The new Elmwood branch of the Mercantile Trust Company of California, at College and Ashby, will be ready for occupancy early in the year. The addition to the West Berkeley branch also is nearing completion, and will provide more than twice the space now available in the present building.

Winning Streak Continues

The game Sunday, Dec. 13, at Albany Park between the locals and Pabco paint manufacturers nine resulted in another victory for Albany, the score being 10 to 4.

It was a one-sided contest. As The Argus predicted, interest will wane, it better teams are not engaged to contest with Albany. The attendance proves this forecast, as there was a noticeable falling off last Sunday. Albany has won 9 straight, and lost none.

Nothing Like the Money

Judge—I understand that you prefer charges against this man. Grocer—No, sir! I prefer cash and that is what I had him brought here for.—Judge.

Cart Before the Horse

Mrs. Scates—Scientists say that we really laugh and grow fat. Mrs. Dick—Of course! No one would gain fat and laugh!—Life.

If two women are to become rival candidates for governor of Texas one may see where a mere man will be back on the job ere long.

Albany Bank Prospers Business Increase 200 Percent

The Albany branch bank of the Mercantile Company has made great strides the past year and the volume of business has been more than doubled. The present quarters of the bank are at the northeast corner of Main and San Pablo avenue, one of the busiest corners in the city and in the center of traffic.

The Trust Company has had some excellent managers, the late one, Paul D. Beck, doing valiant work in establishing the bank and acquainting the people with the benefits derived from savings accounts and "accelerating" their growth. It is regretful that Albany loses this young man, who made so many friends here.

Those now conducting the business of the bank are M. E. Rhodes, manager. He is assisted by A. Lassero and Miss M. Kluss, all efficient workers in banking, and with whom the patrons of the bank are becoming better acquainted.

Painters Nominate Officers of Union

Painters' union No. 160 at their meeting Monday night placed in nomination for officers of the union the following:

President, O. E. Brooks; vice president, J. G. Burns; secretary, F. A. Mawn; treasurer, Charles L. Swartout; trustees, Brothers Hanbloom, Haynes and Swartout.

Gasoline and Liquor Will Not Mix

Henry Vares, 3483 Sixty-sixth avenue, Oakland, arrested in Richmond on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, had additional troubles heaped upon him when Antonio Shubat and George Sindich, owners of a Richmond grocery, filed suit against him for damages they allege they suffered when Vares piloted an automobile into their Martinez warehouse. They claim that \$1000 damage was done to the warehouse and stored material, and in addition seek \$1250 as exemplary damages.

R. D. Davis, local contractor, arrested last week on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was liberated when he deposited bail bond of \$2000 with Justice of the Peace Frank Glass. Davis' arrest followed collision of his machine with a Pacheco road hydrant, resulting in a search of his car which officers say revealed a jug of brandy.—Martinez Gazette.

The largest telephone building in the world is the Barclay-Vesey street building of the New York Telephone company. When completed it will represent an investment of many millions. It is 31 stories high and covers a large city block. It will house 6,000 telephone workers and contain six central offices.

All Aglow



Telegraphic Devices May Revolutionize Printing Game

Another revolutionary invention is about to sweep a once highly skilled trade out of existence.

The old-time telegrapher is doomed, a fact that is acknowledged by those acquainted with the present situation.

The transmission of pictures and telegrams—not in code, but in the original writing, and a whole page full in a few seconds—will be possible if the new sensational device now being tried out by the German Telefunken company is successful. Trials so far have been entirely satisfactory.

The invention, which was made by Dr. Karolus Leisig, is based on the regular picture telegraph process, but its advantage is in its speed.

The Telefunken Co. believes that what still takes seconds will soon be reduced to fractions of seconds. Instead of individual words, whole pages will be sent by wireless. At the same time the cable will be able to transmit signature and pictures with the same ease.

English and Italian inventors also claim to have produced methods whereby machine composition and printing newspapers will be supplanted by telegraphic process.

Telephone Brevities

Five hundred thousand local telephone calls a day are made in the city of New Orleans.

In the metropolitan area of New York, the New York Telephone company owns 126 buildings besides occupying a number of leased lines.

Between 100,600 and 120,000 local telephone calls are made a day in Miami, Fla.

The number of telephones in the state of Pennsylvania has doubled in the last decade. There are now 12.9 telephones for every 100 telephones in Pennsylvania.

The building in Boston, Massachusetts, where the telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell, is now a movie theatre.

Even Farmers Are Not Exempt From the "Stick Ups"

Concord, Dec. 15.—Seven dollars and a watch was the loot of two holdup men who accosted Geo. Reynolds, tractor driver, as he sat on his machine plowing on the Maltby estate near here.

Reynolds was working the night shift and was hailed by the pair as they drove along in an automobile. After inquiring how far it was to Bay Point, one of the bandits pulled out a pistol and commanded Reynolds to turn over his valuables. The pair turned their machine toward Bay Point after the robbery, Reynolds said.

Contra Costa County

George W. Langan, 76, a former school teacher in this county, but for many years an attorney with law offices in Oakland, passed away Wednesday night at his bay city home.

The dental records of the Martinez school children are higher than any schools in the county. This is the report that has been given by Miss Helen Rodda, dental hygienist of the county.

Officers for 1926 were elected Wednesday night by Contra Costa county welfare workers' association at its annual meeting at Alhambra high school. Mrs. Alice G. Whitbeck of Martinez, county librarian, was chosen as president.

According to revenue stamps in recording deed Charles Pulse, Martinez automobile dealer, and his brother, Harry Pulse, has sold to E. M. Tilden, lumber company head, property 75 by 112 feet on Nevin avenue and Tenth street for an announced consideration of \$35,000. A dwelling and apartment are on the property.

The Crockett Elks association is composed of members of the great order of Elks from various parts of the United States. It is in existence for the good that it can do for others and the pleasure that it may bring its members. F. W. Hutchinson is president and Fred C. Newton the secretary treasurer of the association.

Farmers "Discover" New Sugar Product

**Printing & Advertising
Contracts Not
Awarded**

The finance committee, Councilmen Plate, Scholes and Chandler, has been given "more time" to think over the situation in the matter of awarding the printing and advertising contracts for the city. The "Christmas presents" will no doubt be awarded at next Monday night's session of the council.

While some have accused the committee of "stalling," it may be that they are diligently trying to discover how they can apportion little bites of these "phat plums" to all the printers instead of a favored few.

There are forms of municipal printing and publishing that can be handled by the modestly equipped as well as by the larger concerns. Politically controlled, the chances for any kind of a fair break seem distant.

Free Lecture

An illustrated lantern slide lecture will be given at Lincoln school auditorium next Monday, Dec. 21, by M. L. Oglesby, a representative from the bureau of explosives. The lecture will be free and is for the benefit of those who handle explosives in manufacturing or transporting. You cannot afford to miss this valuable information which guarantees safety and welfare to workmen and the shipping public.

Tempted by Big Salary

(Albany Argus)
J. Noas, playing manager of the Albany baseball team, has received letters of inquiry from managers about Walter Peacock, the youngster whose pitching arm is going to be a real asset to him, if he continues to improve.

The letter to Noas was from Chas. Graham of the San Francisco semi-professional organization, Nick Williams, the scoutmaster's signature to the letter proving that Albany's players are being watched by outsiders.

The offer made for Peacock was quite flattering, but it will not be accepted, as those who are advising the young man claim that he is too young to get into fast company; that his future is too promising. Another year and he will be more mature and ready to make a record.

Troop No. 2 to Eat Turkey

Wolf Cub Troop 2 will have a banquet Friday, Dec. 18. Scoutmaster Geritz will preside over the meeting. It is to be a turkey feast. All members are urged to be present.

Out in Kansas they now call the catfish the barbed trout, but you have to skin it before you fry it, just the same.

**Saccharine Sweetness
In Corn Will Be
Utilized**

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 17.—A new market for 100,000,000 bushels of corn annually will be created through the use of corn sugar, according to George Kahen, president of the Bankers Life Co. of this city.

"A fine quality of granulated sugar, suitable for all purposes, is now being manufactured from corn," he says. "Manufacture of corn sugar on a large scale and the cultivation of the American public for corn sugar offers a solution of the acute marketing problem now confronting the farmers of the corn belt."

"Creation of this new market for 100,000,000 bushels of corn annually will solve our corn surplus problem and benefit every business interest of every corn-growing state in the union."

"The present pure food law was enacted before the process for the manufacture of corn sugar was discovered. For that reason, corn sugar is not designated as pure sugar, and under the old law a canner cannot use corn sugar unless he labels his product as adulterated. This kills the sale of corn sugar in that important market. Amendment of the law to cure this discrimination will at once open a wide market for corn sugar and give an immediate outlet for the surplus of the present record crop of corn."

"There is no waste in the process of corn sugar manufacture. A bushel of corn can be converted into 25 pounds of corn sugar; one and one-half pounds of corn oil; 15 pounds of molasses, and 14½ pounds of gluten stock feed and oil meal. The by-products find a ready market."

"Corn sugar has all the excellent qualities of cane sugar except it will not make jelly, and it is not quite as sweet as cane sugar. This, however, is a matter of taste and of educating the taste. As compared to cane sugar, it is much more easily digested and has equal purity. It is equal in food value and has superior canning and preserving values. Corn sugar has so much of merit and through its use we have so much to gain, that there should be launched an educational campaign that will put corn sugar on the counter of every grocer in the country, and on the table of every American home. If this is brought about there will be created a new market for 100,000,000 bushels of corn each year."

There is little excitement in buying this week, the shoppers usually wearing somewhat "serious" expressions. The Christmas cheer will open up next week, the last chance before the "curtain falls."

AMERICANS FIRED ON BY CHINESE

AIRPLANE BOMBS NEARBY CAMEL CARAVAN

PASSENGERS ON TRAIN HIDE UNDER COACHES

Twenty Americans, Nine Britishers, Several Japanese and Four League of Nations Representatives Were on Board.

Peking.—The international train which left Peking for Tientsin recently returned here after having been caught in a battle between the forces of Feng Yu-hsiang and Li Ching-Ling at Yangtsun, twenty miles north of Tientsin.

Twenty Americans, nine Britishers, several prominent Japanese and four League of Nations representatives, sent to study the plague in Manchuria, who were on board, were forced to take refuge from bursting shells under the coaches of the stalled train.

Passengers included a number of women and children. All escaped unhurt and declared they were none the worse for their experience, except for the discomfort or huddling under the train in the chilly weather.

Their experience, however, was not without its thrills. A bomb from an airplane fell in the midst of a camel train nearby—and fragments penetrated the cars, which also were struck by several bullets.

When the international train was stopped at Yangtsun, an armored train belonging to Feng Yu-hsiang, which had followed it, landed one thousand troops with artillery and began shelling the forces of Li Ching-Ling, the governor of Chihli, across the river.

As the guns opened fire the passengers on the international train who had alighted with the intention of walking or securing motor transportation to Tientsin, ran back to the train and took refuge under the cars.

News of their plight reached Peking and Willms R. Peck of the American legation hurried to the scene with a motor truck loaded with food and blankets. Subsequently the train was safely withdrawn from the fighting area to Laif Fang, twenty-five miles to the northwest, and thence back to Peking.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS DANIELS ON THE STATE PRISON BOARD

Sacramento.—Gilbert B. Daniels of Sacramento, formerly chairman of the state board of control and at one time an Oakland publisher, was appointed by Governor Richardson as a member of the state board of prison directors to succeed George A. Van Smith, San Francisco banker. Van Smith resigned as a result of a sensational prison row which involved the board, and Daniels will fill his unexpired term, which ends in January, 1934.

There is still a vacancy on the board, as the governor has not filled the place left open by the resignation last spring of John Matos, Jr., of Centerville, Alameda county.

Daniels resigned from the state board of control, to which position he was appointed by former Governor William D. Stephens, during the early part of Governor Richardson's term, in order to make a tour of the world. "Daniels stands for a strict enforcement of the laws, fair treatment for prisoners and a wise and conservative administration of the parole law," Governor Richardson said in announcing the appointment. "He is a kind man, a just man, a wise man, but not a sob sister. I feel particularly fortunate in securing his acceptance of the place."

French to Honor Colonel Sweeney Paris.—The Journal says that the French government, on recommendation of Marshal Pétain, has decided to raise Colonel Charles Sweeney of Spokane, Washington, to the high grade of grand officer of the Legion of Honor. Colonel Sweeney was head of the American air squadron, composed of American flyers who participated in the Moroccan campaign.

Forest Week Set Washington.—The American Forest Week committee announced that American Forest Week for 1926 will begin April 14. The committee will ask President Coolidge to issue a presidential proclamation.

\$3,000,000 Fire Savannah, Ga.—Fire of undetermined origin recently wrecked the plant of the Southern Fertilizer and Chemical company here, with a loss estimated at \$3,000,000.

\$7,500,000 Opera House Chicago.—Construction of an opera house that would cost \$7,500,000, exclusive of land costs, to be devoted to grand opera, was proposed here by Samuel Insull, head of the Chicago Edison power.

U. S. Troops Guard Train Peking.—A detachment of American infantry as a special guard was aboard the international train, operated under the direction of foreign officials, when it left Peking for Tientsin recently.

\$100,000,000 IS ASKED FOR U. S. AIR SHAKEUP

Drastic Reorganization of National Defense Administration Is Recommended In a Report by Special House Aircraft Committee.

Washington.—A drastic reorganization of the national defense administration and the expenditure of \$200,000,000 annually for the next five years to build up aviation were recommended in a report agreed upon by the special house aircraft committee. The report, in recommending among other things, creation of a bureau of civil aeronautics, advanced a proposal also placed before congress from another source—the annual report of the national advisory committee for aeronautics.

President Coolidge in a letter accompanying the advisory committee's report, declared a statement by the committee that "America is at least abreast of other progressive nations in the technical development of aircraft for military purposes" should "dispel the impression that this country is lagging in this respect."

The house committee proposed creation of a department of national defense, which would supplant the present war and navy departments, but would not necessarily give aviation an equal status with land and sea armaments. Its recommendations were concurred in by all members but Representative Reid, Republican, Illinois, court-martial counsel for Colonel William Mitchell, who will file a supplemental brief advocating a unified air service.

Need for the development of commercial aviation, urged by both the house committee and the national advisory committee, was further stressed during the day by the introduction of a bill by Chairman Parker of the house commerce committee, based on similar recommendations made by the president's special air board.

Other recommendations of the house committee called for a separate budget and one procurement agency for all aviation activities; increased air service representation on the army general staff and navy general board; destruction of unsafe airplanes now on hand, maintenance of an adequate air reserve, increased promotion opportunities and commensurate pay for air service officers, and government aid in establishment of airways and airports.

TOY FOR COOLIDGE ROAD AID STAND

Sacramento.—President Coolidge's attitude on the question of federal aid for highway construction, as outlined in his message to congress, will not be seriously criticized in the west, says Chairman Harvey M. Toy of the California highway commission, in a statement issued here. He expressed the belief that, later, federal aid should be confined exclusively to the construction of primary or interstate highways.

"In the west," said Toy, "the federal aid system is confined almost exclusively to the primary interstate routes. In California, federal aid is being used altogether on the great traffic arteries leading through the state and on important connections with adjoining states."

FOOD PRICE FIXING BY UNITED STATES PROPOSED

Washington.—An agricultural bill designed not only to protect the farmer from low prices, but also to maintain agricultural freight rates at a level satisfactory to the railroads, was introduced by Senator Shipstead, Farmer, Minnesota.

An agricultural export corporation would be created after the manner of the McNary-Haugen bill and it would be empowered to fix a ratio price for farm products. At the present time the present principle of keeping railroad rates at a basis to give a fair return to the roads would be maintained and the export corporation would raise the agricultural price ratio whenever it became necessary to meet transportation costs.

British Coal on Way to U. S. Welsh and Scottish coal is now on the way to Boston and other cargoes are being loaded. British firms with headquarters in London and Cardiff are continuing to offer anthracite for consumption in this market. They assure they can supply all demands made upon them at a price below that of the domestic product.

Portugal Crisis Paris.—A Havas dispatch from Lisbon says that President Teixeira Gomes of Portugal is to resign and that parliament will elect his successor.

Women's Leader Dead Omaha, Neb.—Mrs. Draper Smith, 70, well known suffragist and Republican leader, died after an eight months' illness.

Army Seeks Liners Washington.—A request was received by the shipping board from the War department for two ships of the Admiral-Orizaba line, running out of Seattle to the Far East for use, as transports.

Favor World Court New Brunswick, N. J.—Students at Rutgers university voted in favor of the entrance of the United States into the world court by a huge majority. Out of 1,232 votes cast, only 157 were against.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

"It's a Privilege to Live in California."

Sale of the Sperry Flour company's Capitol mill at Stockton, San Joaquin county, was announced and confirmed by E. B. Henley, head of the land sale department of the Sperry company. Purchasers are Chadwick, Sykes & Stone of San Francisco, who acquired the property for speculative purposes. The Sperry plant, consisting of three large 4-story units and other buildings, is located on the Stockton waterfront and has been idle since activities there were transferred to the Vallejo plant of the Sperry company a year ago. The Capitol mill, office buildings and a vacant half block of property were held at \$280,000.

The popular theory that modern girls are deserting the home for the field of business is all wrong, according to the state educational authorities following a survey of activities of 577 former California high school students from 1919 to the present. Though 72 per cent of these girls took commercial training in the schools, very few of them have entered upon business careers and 80 per cent of them are now engaged in "home making."

A contract was awarded by the Jean Juillard Hotel company of Del Monte for the erection of the projected San Carlos hotel at Franklin and Main streets, Monterey, Monterey county. It will be a 7-story class A structure. It will contain 150 guest rooms and will cost \$258,374. A feature of the hotel will be a solarium on the roof, which will be one hundred feet above the street. This will include an apartment, dance hall and roof garden.

In the report made by the Marin county farm adviser, M. B. Boissevain, to the director of the agricultural extension at the University of California, it is shown that eighteen projects have been carried on during the past year in co-operation with the county farm bureau. The projects are grouped according to the various lines of agriculture they cover. Under soil fertilizer tests are being carried out on pear and prune trees at Novato.

Acting under instructions from the board of supervisors, District Attorney Charles E. Johnson of Yreka, Siskiyou county, is preparing suits by which Siskiyou county will attempt to collect back debts owing the county hospital, amounting to several thousand dollars. Some of the bills are for small amounts. Others run into hundreds of dollars, according to Dr. Charles Pius, superintendent of the institution.

Fire of a mysterious origin destroyed the lumber mill at Spring Garden, Plumas county, of W. D. Thomas, wholesale lumber dealer of Sacramento, causing a loss of \$60,000. The plant had been closed down about a month ago and had since been unoccupied. The blaze was discovered by the caretaker, but it had made too much headway to allow saving the plant.

A summer school will be conducted at the College of the Pacific at Stockton, San Joaquin county, for a 6-week period next year. A tentative schedule of instructors and subjects will be issued shortly after the holidays. Approximately twenty subjects will be offered and at least thirteen regular instructors of the college will be members of the summer school faculty.

Business interests in Glenn county are up in arms against the anti-dancing ordinance adopted recently by the board of supervisors. A petition, signed by a majority of the business men of Willows, Orland, Hamilton City, Artois and Butte City, asks immediate repeal of the ordinance on the ground that it only serves to drive away business from this county.

Stockton, San Joaquin county, postal receipts since the first of the year have increased 11 per cent over the receipts for the corresponding period in 1924 and indicate that the office after the first of the year will be advanced from the \$250,000-\$300,000 class to the \$300,000-\$350,000 class. Total receipts during the first eleven months were \$268,392.

Contracts have been let, leases signed and actual building operations will commence on January 15 on a 5-story hotel building on the corner of Main street and West Lake avenue, in Watsonville, Santa Cruz county. The building is to be a class A, reinforced concrete, will contain one hundred rooms and is to cost approximately \$250,000.

Susanville, Lassen county, already is making preliminary plans for the entertainment of the state convention of the American Legion there next year. M. D. Collins, county farm adviser, has been named chairman of the general citizens' committee, with Dr. F. L. Hill as vice-chairman.

Dr. George E. Bright of San Francisco, president of the state board of health, has announced that the cases of infantile paralysis which have been prevalent throughout the state in the summer and fall had now disappeared and that no more concern is being felt by health authorities.

The Masonic Temple association, Contra Costa county, is having plans prepared for the remodeling of the two-story brick building at Eighth street and Macdonald avenue, Richmond. It will be transformed into a hall building for the four Masonic lodges of that city.

The Antioch-Live Oak, Contra Costa county, school bond election carried by a vote of 544 to 71.

An estate valued at more than \$65,000 was left by David Douglas, retired rancher of Petaluma, Sonoma county.

During the month of November Miss Gladys Roberts, city clerk of Petaluma, Sonoma county, issued building permits totaling \$23,510.

Ovid Holmes, formerly a deputy sheriff of Sonoma county, has been appointed deputy fish and game commissioner of Mendocino county.

The new 4-story addition to the Weed Lumber company factory at Weed, Siskiyou county, has now been completed and is being used.

After a year's somnolence, Mount Lassen has resumed activities with a spectacular eruption, which continued without abatement for two hours.

Work is progressing rapidly on the reservoir and dam being built by the town of Antioch, Contra Costa county. R. P. Easley was awarded the contract for the work.

Associate Justice William H. Waste of Berkeley has been named chief justice of the California supreme court to succeed Chief Justice Louis W. Meyer, resigned.

An option is to be taken by the Sutcliffe club on property worth \$100,000 at Eleventh and L streets, Sacramento, at a probable site for a proposed new building for the club.

The state board of prison directors, at a meeting recently at Folsom prison, voted to abandon the idea of establishing the proposed prison farm in San Joaquin county.

The estate of the late Miss Adeline Mills of Sacramento, daughter of the late D. O. Mills, pioneer banker of California, has been appraised at \$421,224. Miss Mills died last May in Italy.

With a slight excess of receipts over expenditures reported, the directors of the Alturas Roundup association, at Alturas, Modoc county, voted to continue the wild west show there next year.

S. K. Herzog of San Rafael, Marin county, has purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tanforan their third interest in what is known as the Marie Valencia ranch at Ignacio, Marin county.

A San Francisco architect is completing plans for the construction of a two-story class A hospital building for the county of San Luis Obispo. It will have accommodations for forty patients.

An architect is preparing plans for a 4-story reinforced concrete college building for the Sacred Heart novitiate at Los Gatos, Santa Clara county. It is proposed to erect a building costing about \$250,000.

The Chamber of Commerce of Novato, Marin county, has given permission to the highway commission to erect a large "slow down" sign at the intersection where the main street of Novato enters the highway.

The value of advertising the Sacramento valley was a subject discussed by the representatives of the Sacramento Valley Secretaries' association at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce at Sacramento recently.

W. E. Richards, prominent resident of Sonoma county, has just celebrated his sixty-third year as a resident of Upper Dry Creek. Richards has figured prominently in the history and development of the Healdsburg section.

Bankers and bank officials of Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, Humboldt and Lake counties, comprising group eight of the state bankers' association, met at Santa Rosa recently under the chairmanship of William Bromley of Ukiah.

Depressions on each side of the highway from the city limits of Leavenworth, Kings county, to the Coalinga highway intersection are to be filled in and trees will be planted along the road, it is announced by Supervisor M. C. Carter.

Several residents of Petaluma, Sonoma county, have been summoned to appear in the United States district court at Denver in the case of the United States vs. Charles I. Link. Several months ago Link was indicted by the federal grand jury.

A campaign to raise \$1,120,000 with which to establish the University of Los Angeles was opened at Los Angeles recently. The university will be an inter-denominational institution at which will be taught the fundamental spirit and the scriptures.

Sixty-eight of the members of the Honor Scholarship society of the Stockton, San Joaquin county, high school are girls, according to the list prepared by Miss Mary McGoethlin, faculty adviser of the society. There are 109 names on the list.

Work is to be commenced at once on the railroad which will be run from Tobin, Plumas county, to the reservoir of the Feather River Power company at Bucks ranch, according to the announcement of William Watson, resident engineer of the corporation.

Meeting by chance at Yuba City, Sutter county, a few weeks ago, after years of separation following a decree of divorce granted in Oklahoma, Leonard F. Black and Ursula L. Black found their former love rekindled. Now they are enjoying their second honeymoon.

LEAPS TO DEATH AS SWEETHEART PROTESTS LOVE

Despondent Woman Takes Fatal Plunge From Roof of Tall Building.

New York.—Wanda Iwaska, twenty, an unwed mother, jumped to her death from the roof of a building in Brooklyn.

She leaped as her sweetheart, calling "Wanda, I love you!" tried to grasp her shoulders.

He still was calling her name as her body thudded on the street. It was the end of a tragic love story. Wanda was only fifteen when she became a mother, a pretty brunette, ignorant, romantic, duped. She disappeared with her baby, Anna May. And her parents and the neighborhood of Twenty-third street and Second avenue knew her, no more.

A year ago Wanda as Mrs. Bertha Selter, "widow," rented a room for herself and her child at the home of Oriel Brannan, twenty-two, in Brooklyn.

There she found peace. Mrs. Brannan, Oriel's mother, took care of Anna May while Wanda and Oriel worked in the factory. They labored side by side.

Girl Finds Peace. They loved each other. They planned to marry. The girl said nothing about her past. She hoped Oriel never would know the truth. She feared what it would mean to him. And then, two months ago, the first man "came back." He met Wanda on the street. He followed her to her refuge. He made her life miserable, speaking of "his daughter."

Wanda kept to her room. Oriel could hear her weeping in the night. She could not tell him—not at first.



Jumped to Her Death.

But last week he forced the story from her. He said nothing, but went to see her parents.

He wanted them to know that Wanda was alive and well and their little granddaughter was strong and sweet and happy. He wanted to arrange a marriage.

Man Is Shunned. But he didn't tell Wanda about this. He didn't get much chance, for Wanda, being afraid, shunned him.

The other morning she locked herself in her room and gave way to weeping. Brannan remained in his own room, thinking it best to leave her alone. He heard her enter the bathroom. And a moment later he heard her scream.

She had swallowed iodine, but he didn't know that then. She ran upstairs, while little Anna May wept bitterly. And Oriel followed, frantic.

She was flying toward the rim of the roof.

"Wanda, I love you!" She was perched on the rim, ready to jump. He was running toward her. "Wanda, for God's sake, Wanda—marry me!"

His hands reached out for her. They almost reached her.

But she had jumped, her hands in front of her tear-wet eyes.

Button Taken From Child's Throat on Speeding Train

Cincinnati.—Removal of a three-cornered button from the windpipe of a five-year-old West Virginia girl while on board a Baltimore & Ohio railroad train coming into Cincinnati marked the successful termination of a race with death begun at Parkersburg.

The child was Ellene Leven Smetton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smetton of Harrisville, W. Va.

Cuts Wire, Saves Man

Hamburg, Pa.—Deliberately cutting a wire with a voltage of 2,300, which Paul Reppert, aged thirty-seven, touched accidentally, Harry Hummel, a fellow workman, caused the former to fall from an electric pole a distance of 35 feet and saved his life. In falling Reppert struck a wire reel. He escaped with a burned left hand.

MY FAVORITE STORIES

By IRVIN S. COBB

A Chance for the Visiting Angel

When William Travers Jerome was district attorney of New York he started a crusade of prosecutions against fortune tellers, soothsayers and fake mediums, who at that time infested parts of Manhattan island in numbers. A county detective named Al Thomas, a husky person with a wit of his own, was detailed to the job of securing evidence against these offenders and then arresting them.

In pursuance of his object Thomas called upon a so-called crystal-gazer, pretending that he wanted a reading. The faker ushered the customer into a dimly lit room hung with black hangings and adorned with mysterious objects presumably pertaining to black art. There he sat Thomas down at a table and taking a seat on the opposite side he took Thomas' brawny left hand, palm upward, in one of his own hands, and in the other he balanced a large glass ball.

For a period of impressive silence he alternately shifted his gaze from the stranger's palm to the ball and back again from the ball to the palm. Then seemingly he began to drift into a trance. His eyes dropped, his head nodded, then at length his lips moved, framing words.

"A shape is hovering above me," he stated in rapt tones. "It draws nearer and yet nearer—it is an angel!" "Fine and dandy," broke in the impassive tones of Detective Thomas; "if said angel is a pal of yours you'd better fetch him along with you to put up the ball money. Because you're pinched!"

Making It a Sweepstakes

Today's offering is one of my stand-bys. Every time I hear it—and I hear it on an average of at least four times a year—I like it better. I hope you feel the same way about it.

The principal characters are an Irishman, with red whiskers, and a Hebrew with black whiskers. They fall into an argument over the relative glories of the two great races they severally represent. It is finally proposed by the Semitic debater that for every great Jew he names he shall be permitted to pluck one hair from his adversary's face. For every famous Irishman listed the other man may claim the tribute of a hair from the Jew's beard. The first to cry enough, or the first to be entirely denuded will be the loser.

A chosen referee gives the signal for the start. It is the Jew's turn first.

"Moses," he cries, and yanks a hair from the Irishman's chin.

"Abraham," shouts his opponent.

"St. Patrick."

"Baron Hirsch."

"Daniel O'Connell."

"Rothschild."

"John L. Sullivan."

Inspiration seizes the Hebrew.

"The twelve apostles," he whoops exultantly, and snatches an even dozen of auburn hairs from where they grew.

With a triumphant whoop the Irishman fixes both his hands in the Hebrew's beard:

"The A. O. H.!" he bellows, and brings away the entire crop.

The Unuttered Wish

A North Carolina mountain woman fell ill, and for the first time in his life her husband had to work. It devolved upon him to nurse the invalid, look after a large family of tow-headed children, milk the cow, feed the pig, cook the meals and tend a straggly acre of corn.

After ten days of these frightful labors he staggered down to the general store at the forks of the road and fell at the doorway in an exhausted heap.

"The storekeeper came out and said: 'Hello, Anse, how's yore wife?'"

"She ain't no better," moaned the husband. "I paid out a whole four bits for a bottle of bitters for her, but it seems like hit don't do her no good. I'm plumb wore out!"

He paused a moment and sighed deeply.

"Some times," he said, "I git to wishin' the old woman would git well—or somethin'!"

The Proper End of a Caddy

In a southern town is a lady, not all prominent, who enjoys the reputation of being a modern Mrs. Malaprop. She is credited with having said once that she intended to hire a local clay modeler to make a bust of her hand. On another occasion, referring to a trip she had taken in an airplane, she said that she certainly was glad when the machine descended and she set foot once more on terra cotta. The latest speech attributed to her had to do with the ancient game of Scotch.

"I've often thought," she said to a friend, "that I'd like to take up golf, but somehow I have never gotten 'round to it; and, besides, I don't understand the first thing about playing it. Why if I wanted to hit the ball I wouldn't know which end of the caddy to take hold of."

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Whatever advice you give, be short.—Hiorace.

Fine feathers do not make fine birds for a pot pile.

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.—Hamlet.

A matchmaker often gets her fingers burned.

Impressment made by beauty is more than skin deep.

Real gratitude is never ashamed of humble benefactors.

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Some men are born for matrimony, some achieve matrimony—but most of them are merely poor dodgers.

Death brings to some people the only real knowledge of life they ever had.

Truth is strengthened by observation and time; pretense by haste and uncertainty.—Tacitus.

A man is always anxious to help another if he sees a chance to help himself.

I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories.—Washington Irving.

Some people can even make lead float where others will see their straw sink.—Yugo-Slav Proverb.

We may see all things come to somebody else if we only wait long enough.

Trailing by a Hair

Given a single hair the modern scientific tracker of criminals is able to discover with the aid of his microscope the sex, approximate age and nationality of its late owner.

Pearls on Half Shell

A. J. Alpin while dining at the Putnam Inn on the Connecticut shore not long ago was served with a plate of oysters. Upon eating them, he one by one found three pearls, all apparently almost perfect specimens and graduated in size.

Takes All Fun Out of 'Em

Gifts much expected are paid, not given.—Benjamin Franklin.

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The Wonderful Story



Their Christmas and an Odd Tree

One Surprise Package That Brought Joy to Entire Family.

By GERTRUDE WALTON

IT IS plain to see that for this Christmas there will be no tree—I mean one that isn't made from a basket or a table—no real tree. Any kind of a Santa Claus, as well as trees, would die in this terrible place. It would be more bearable if James were home," Mida Lee exclaimed impatiently as she looked lovingly at a photograph of her elder son, James, who, because of government service over the sea, could not spend Christmas with his home circle.

As she looked out over the treeless, snow-covered prairies of her northern ranch home, eight miles from town, where the season's drought had robbed them of garden and grain, her sighs rose to an excited exclamation which brought twelve-year-old Clara from an adjoining room to hear the secret her mother revealed.

"Let us be a tree—and a Santa Claus, too. You may be Santa Claus and I will be a tree laden with packages which you may take from me and give to the boys at the sheep-herders' wagon tomorrow. Father and Lester will be gone to town all day and we will visit the boys and present them with a tree and Santa Claus for Christmas Eve," Mrs. Lee laughed.

Mrs. Lee sang all the next morning at her baking, after she had tucked her husband and ten-year-old Lester in the sled for their long drive. In the afternoon, with a basket on her arm and some small packages fastened over her coat, so she would represent a tree, Mrs. Lee and Clara started to the wagon to carry Christmas to the sheep-herders.

While Mrs. Lee put the wagon in order, Clara tucked up bits of Christmas color she had clipped from magazines or had designed from paper.

On the way home Mrs. Lee and Clara planned to have their Christmas

LETTER GOT THERE

SHE didn't have Santa Claus' address, but she knew that Aunt Mary must have it, so she wrote the following letter to him and sent it in care of "Aunt Mary, New York," having first read it to her mother:

"Dear Santa Claus: 'I hope you are well. Are you? Won't you have to come this year in your airplane, or your automobile? Here is my list: 'Two teddy bears in dresses. A doll's writing desk. A doll's house (it is in the corner bookshop that is kept by Miss Sinclair). One bear brown and the other white, I think that is all. Your loving friend.' The letter must have arrived for the presents did.—C. G. Hazard. (© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

packages fastened over Mr. Lee, who would serve as a tree, while Lester, as Santa Claus, would distribute the gifts. Upon arriving home they were surprised to find Mr. Lee and Lester, who had expected to be away until dark. There was greater surprise when they found the chores done and supper ready.

"Let us have our tree and Santa Claus first," Mr. Lee said, when he heard of the plan of a "man-tree" and a boy-Santa Claus. Of course, everyone was willing. So the packages, some of which had been brought that day from town, were being fastened over Mr. Lee as the tree, when he said, mischievously winking at Lester, "Please don't forget the large package I just brought for all of you. It is in the closet."

Mrs. Lee and Clara ran excitedly to the closet when a package—a tall boy—seized them both in his arms. Through smothered joy-cries of "James! When did you come?" Mr. Lee explained that on a previous visit to town he had received word that James was coming home for Christmas. He kept the secret as a happy surprise from Mrs. Lee and Clara. Upon pretense of getting some gifts for the children, he and Lester had planned the trip to town after James, who was now hungry and ready for supper.

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"May I serve as your tree this year, with branches, I hope, strong enough to hold all the trust and confidence you place in me, as well as to hold any packages of love and service the real Santa Claus allows me to carry to his children everywhere? Again I hope that I may be a worthy Santa Claus—His Santa Claus—to distribute His peace and good will," James said as he learned of the afternoon visit to the sheep-herders' wagon.

Grandmother Compares Present With Long Ago

JENNY and her great-grandmother were having a little chat while they waited for the announcement from the maid that Christmas dinner was ready. Grandma Smith had been born and reared in the South. She was spending the holidays with her daughter in the North. Grandmother was in her early nineties, but a remarkable woman for her age. Tall, erect, spry, she would never grow old mentally for she was too progressive in her thinking.

"Jenny, as I looked around the house just now, I couldn't help but realize what a difference a generation or two has made in our mode of living. I couldn't keep from comparing this day and home with a Christmas Day and home I knew long ago. You know, Jenny, Andrew and I were married on one Christmas, years ago. Andrew built a little cabin on a plot of ground he owned. It was perched up on a hill. I thought it was the loveliest, most beautiful cabin ever built in the whole world. And it was. It was the last word in cozy, home architecture of the times. Inside it had a dirt floor and a few pieces of hickory furniture which Andrew had made. I wove all the linens and other cloth which we used. We were so happy. We had a big home wedding. One of my wedding presents was a tin cup. That cup was a prized possession, much talked about and envied by my neighbors. Sometimes I wonder, we lived so simply—and happily—and now how complex are—"

The dinner gown boomed forth a welcome sound. The family gathered and with joyful chatterings hurried in to the festively arranged Christmas dinner table.—Eleanor E. King. (© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

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THE KITCHEN CABINET

(© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.) Good talk is like good scenery—continuous, yet constantly varying, and full of the charm of novelty and surprise. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

A CHAPTER ON APPLES

The wholesome apple is such a well liked fruit that it needs no one to sing its praises. A fresh, juicy apple eaten at least once a day is the best of medicines. For the ill, a baked apple is easy of digestion and always appetizing. As a dessert, nothing can be more wholesome than a good apple well baked.

Baked Apple With Raisins.—Pare and core apples, fill the cavities with sugar, raisins and pieces of butter. Bake fifteen minutes. Remove and fill the centers with more sugar and cinnamon and butter. Replace in the oven and bake with boiling water to make a sirup. Bake until the apples are soft. Serve hot with cream.

Apple and Raisin Bread Pudding.—Take one pint of brown bread crumbs, one pint of chopped apples, two-thirds of a pint of finely chopped suet, one cupful of raisins, one egg, one tablespoonful of flour, one-half teaspoonful of salt, and one-half pint of milk. Mix the apples and bread crumbs. Add suet, raisins, egg, flour, salt. Mix with milk and boil in a buttered mold for two hours. Serve with lemon sauce.

Lemon Sauce.—Take two teaspoonfuls of cornstarch or arrow root, two cupfuls of water, one cupful of sugar, one and one-half tablespoonfuls of butter, the rind and juice of one lemon. Mix the starch and sugar, add boiling water and cook twenty minutes. Add flavoring and butter and serve hot.

Onion and Apple Salad.—Chop fine a small Bermuda onion, add two cupfuls of finely diced apple (good flavored tart apple), add a handful of dates cut fine, a sprinkling of chopped green pepper and mayonnaise enough to moisten. Serve on heart leaves of head lettuce. Sprinkle with paprika as a garnish. A spoonful of apple sauce on top is both appetizing and decorative.

Apple Dumpling.—Take four cupfuls of sliced apple, one-half cupful of water, two cupfuls of flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth cupful of sugar, one cupful of milk and a little grated lemon rind. Mix and sift the dry ingredients, except the sugar. Add milk. Fill a buttered pudding dish with apples, add sugar, water, lemon rind, cover with flour mixture and steam one and one-half hours. Serve with lemon sauce.

Potato Pancakes.—Peel three large potatoes, grate them, add salt, pepper, a little milk and flour enough to make the batter the right consistency to fry. Heat the griddle hot, add fat and fry long enough to thoroughly cook them. Serve with apple sauce or jam of any kind.

Nourishing Soups. A cream soup is sufficiently nourishing to serve as the main dish. Where the dinner is served at noon, a hot soup is greatly appreciated for the night meal at this season of the year.

Celery with potato or onion with potato makes a good flavored soup that satisfies all.

Cream of Potato Soup.—Boil two large potatoes and mash well, adding a cupful of cream, season with salt and grated onion. Blend two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour, add two cupfuls of cold milk and cook until smooth. Serve hot with croûtons.

Sweetbread Soup.—Reheat one quart of veal stock and add two cupfuls of cream which has been blended with two beaten egg yolks. Take from the heat, season to taste, add one cupful of parboiled sweetbreads cut into fine pieces. Garnish with whipped cream and minced parsley.

Egg Soup.—Butter six slices of stale bread, sprinkle with sugar and brown in the oven. Reheat two cupfuls of veal stock and two cupfuls of milk beaten with the yolks of three eggs. Add a tablespoonful of butter; season with salt and pepper, minced parsley and a grating of nutmeg. Pour over the toast; cover for ten minutes and serve.

Cream Veal Soup.—Chop fine three pounds of lean veal and one large onion. Cover with two quarts of cold water; simmer three hours, strain and cool. Thicken with two tablespoonfuls of flour blended with a little cold milk, add three well-beaten eggs and a pint of milk. Season with salt and pepper and minced parsley.

Veal and Celery Soup.—Cut up three pounds of veal, break the bones, cover with four quarts of water and simmer for four hours; strain and return to the fire. Add two bunches of celery and two chopped onions, simmer until the vegetables are soft. Press through a fine sieve, thicken with two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch mixed with two cupfuls of milk; add two tablespoonfuls of butter in small bits, reheat and serve with diced fried bread.

Blood stains of woolen goods, if fresh, may be completely removed if saturated at once with dry starch. It absorbs the moisture and when dry all the stain will brush out.

Nellie Maxwell

UNCLE JIM'S CHRISTMAS

By MARION E. REAGAN

IT WAS just a week before Christmas that the J. J.'s, the R. P.'s and the W. J.'s—had all met in the home of the latter to discuss what was referred to as their "preliminary." The oldest son of the W. J. Jacksons had just come into business some few months before and his father, and his two uncles, J. J. and R. P., had endorsed his note. In the meantime the business had failed and the Jacksons were now called on to make the note good. To pay, as they certainly would have to, meant to sacrifice what little they had, and none of them was any too prosperous.

"How about asking Uncle Jim for the money?" R. P. suggested. "He's rich enough and it wouldn't hurt him." "Yes," interrupted his wife, "but you forget he's just as tight as he's rich, and there isn't one of us that's even laid eyes on him since Cousin William's death four years ago."

"That's all right," replied her husband, "people get generous impulses at Christmas time, and you never get anything in this world unless you ask for it."

Everyone agreed that what R. P. said was true enough, but none would stoop to ask a favor of him. It wouldn't do, that was all. It wouldn't do.

However, after the little meeting broke up and the families went on their various ways, each had the idea that after all it wouldn't hurt to try Uncle Jim. They would say nothing to the rest and if it did not turn out well, no one would ever know.

And so that night three letters were sent to Uncle Jim—one from R. P., one from W. J. and one from J. J. Jackson, asking for \$5,000 to pay off the note of the young Jackson, and thus save three families from utter ruin.

Uncle Jim, an irate, extremely close old bachelor, was furious the morning of December 23. He paced the floor, his face crimson, three letters crumpled in his fist. "By George, what nerve! The begging hasn't he exploded. He sat down to write a



"And One From J. J. Jackson Asking for \$5,000."

terse note to each saying "No," definitely, but found it a little difficult—even he—to be so cold. Finally he thought the easiest way to get out of it gracefully would be to write saying that he himself had had reverses and was poorer than any one of them. To make it a little more graphic, he even referred to his "cold garret."

Mrs. J. J. Jackson appeared at the breakfast table next morning with a letter in her hand.

"From Uncle Jim," she answered simply to her husband's inquiry.

"Nothing doing, I suppose?" he asked.

"Oh, it's much worse than that. Jack; the poor old man—read this. Isn't it too bad, after all he's had?"

"Let's invite him here for Christmas dinner," suggested Mrs. J. J. "It's pretty hard on him, you know, being alone and old like that."

It was agreed. Mrs. J. J. sat down and wrote the following: "Dear Uncle Jim: 'We are so sorry to have bothered you with our note, but we never knew of your reverses. Won't you come and spend the Christmas holidays with us? The enclosed is a postal order for \$2,500 to cover the fare. Do come. We are most anxious to see you. Your affectionate niece, 'ANN.'"

The peculiar thing was that precisely the same thing happened in the home of the R. P.'s and W. J.'s, with the result that Uncle Jim again received three letters from his nieces, all enclosing the fare to Evansville for Christmas dinner.

Old Uncle Jim was genuinely touched. Of all the things that might have happened, certainly this was the last he would have expected.

That night, Christmas Eve, the Jacksons met again at the J. J.'s to discuss what could be done about the note, which had to be met on the 26th. They had not gotten far with their plans when the noise of a high-powered motor was heard outside and the bell rang.

"Gracious, Uncle Jim!" exclaimed Mrs. J. J., when she opened the door. "Of course, Uncle Jim," said the old man. "I was only teasing you when I wrote that letter. I had intended coming all along and paying off the little note. Here take these—just a few Christmas greetings for each of you."

Can't Always Find Market for Wisdom

"Learning is a drug on the market nowadays," said President Sumner of Talladega college.

"A fairy," he went on, "appeared to a young mother in a vision and said: 'I offer your child wealth and wisdom. Which gift do you choose for him?'"

"Wisdom, of course," the young mother answered. "With wisdom you can obtain wealth, but wealth will never give you wisdom."

"The fairy vanished. The boy grew up. He was so wise and learned that his treatises on philosophy, biology, mathematics, history, art, literature and science, were translated into ten languages, and by the time he was fifty he occupied the most important chair in one of our most important universities. Nevertheless, in order to get the wherewithal to attend an educational conference in Switzerland last summer he was glad to undertake the correction of the orthographical, grammatical and other errors in a movie magnate's memoirs at the modest rate of 25 cents an hour."

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"Yaaa," drawled the nobleman. "This seems—as to be your lucky day."

On All Teams Head Coach Lou Young of the University of Pennsylvania was talking about a certain football player.

"He reminds me of a story," said Mr. Young. "It's a story about a farmer's wife who bragged at the sewing circle that her son now played on his college football team."

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Rough—Pay me the five dollars you owe me, the bank failed today. Party—Wait till I tell you the rest of my dream.—Wisconsin Octopus.

Suspicious Wife—Dear, you're looking so well these days. Husband—Listen, I don't want to play bridge again tonight.—Life.

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Money to Burn

A man may light his cigar with a \$10 bill to show his supreme disregard for its value and he is excused for a bit of assinnity that hurts only himself. If he burned a bushel basket of \$10 bills every morning of the year, an insanity commission would look into his mental condition. Some one would call for the help of the army, navy and police force of the nation. Yet, says Collier's, that is exactly what the United States is permitting with its forest preserves where fires impose a loss equivalent to \$100,000 daily. Of the 92,000 forest fires last year, "the perfect fools among us," to use Collier's phrase, started about 24,000, all of which all were preventable.

Filling the Air

Increasing number of broadcasting stations has made it very obvious that without restrictions and regulations broadcasting conditions will become more and more difficult. It would be folly to increase the number of stations to the point where all would be either useless or unsatisfactory. Radio has opened a field of wonderful interest. Its service in giving entertainment and information has tremendous reach. Its educational and cultural possibilities are of such momentous importance that the process of distribution must be protected.

It was in THE TERMINAL.

e Guess Concerning Miss Agatha's Answer

Aaron Sapiro, whose motives in promoting a farmers' co-operative marketing scheme have been attacked, said at a Chicago banquet: "Well, it often happens that when you try to do good you get it in the neck. Let me tell you a story.

"A young man called regularly at a house where there were four sisters, but it was impossible to tell which sister he preferred.

"The oldest sister, Agatha, happened to meet the young man one night alone.

"Miss Agatha, you look tired," he said.

"I am a little tired," said Agatha frankly. "You see, I've been very busy all day in the kitchen. I made an enormous batch of bread and cake and pies. Mother likes my baking so much better than the cook's. I put up some preserves, too. Father's so fond of my preserves. Yes, on the whole, it's been a rather hard day."

"Fine," said the young man. "Fine!" Then he went on ardently, "Miss Agatha, there's a question I want to ask you, and on your answer all my life's happiness may depend."

"Well, ask away, sir," said Agatha, with a smile and a blush. "Miss Agatha," he said, "if I marry one of your younger sisters will you consent to make your home with us?"

THE PRICE OF PEACE



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Mount Where Lies Mosesh

About 15 miles from Maseru, the capital of Bantoland, stand Thaba Bosigo, "the mountain of the night." Used as a royal burial ground, where rests the Great Mosesh, his son and grandson, this impregnable mountain was the scene of the great battle in which Mosesh—who founded the Basuto nation nearly 100 years ago—defeated with great loss the warriors of the cruel Umziligazi. Not far away are the Naluti mountains—which extend for about 80 miles toward the Natal border—with the peak of Machacha reaching to a height of 11,000 feet. This peak was named after the chief of that name, who was besieged there by the royal impis of the Zulus, and where, so runs legend, he and his followers were reduced to cannibalism in a cave near the summit.

Old Chest Guards Furs

A dispatch from Tacoma, Wash., says:
Out of the mystic Orient recently came a camphor wood chest, said to be 200 years old, filled with a season's catch of Siberian furs, consigned to a local trader. The chest is leather bound and of Manchurian manufacture, an antique of the early days of fur trading in the Bering sea and Arctic. The box, despite its age, retains the brilliant red color and the pungent odor of camphor.

Such chests were used by fur traders of the last century to preserve the skins from moths and vermin. John W. Kelly is the owner of the chest.

Looking Ahead

Mr. Johnson invariably made long calculations about anything important that happened in his life. He became engaged, and his marriage was announced to take place on a Thursday. One day he informed his future mother-in-law that it must be celebrated on a Wednesday.

"Why," she demanded in surprise. "I have been making a calculation," he said, "and I find that my silver wedding would take place on a Friday. That would never do, as it is the evening on which my lodge meets."—Stray Stories.

Cornstalks as Food

A mill that converts cornstalks into cattle food has been invented.

Much Opportunity for Church Work in Africa

Strange tales of darkest Africa were unfolded by Bishop Overs of Liberia to members of the Men's club of St. Paul's cathedral at a dinner in the parish house, says the Buffalo Express in a recent issue. Bishop Overs returned home a short time ago after spending 32 years in bringing the teachings of Christianity to African tribes.

If the American people do not understand the religious situation on that continent, said Bishop Overs, it is because they are not acquainted with the political problems. Six great powers, he observed, control almost 12,000,000 square miles of land. These nations rule more than 115,000,000 persons. Africa, he said, has changed greatly in thirty-two years. Yet, said Bishop Overs, he had passed through 600 towns that have never been visited by a missionary. The church must continue its work, he said, in order not to lose the good results of its efforts in the last half century.

Pianist Protects Hands

The London Daily News says Padewski has banned handshaking with male admirers. Says that pianist:

"After one of his recitals he was busy receiving congratulations, and handshakes from members of his audience when one devotee warmly grasped his hand with another holding a lighted cigar with the result that the pianist's hand was slightly burned by coming into contact with the business end of the cigar. After that he kept his marvelous hands to himself. Padewski also refuses to accept bouquets from lady admirers. On one occasion he picked his fingers rather badly with the loose ends of the wire binding a floral tribute."

Lightning's Freak

A bolt of lightning struck the barn on the farm owned by H. F. Tolles at Springfield, Vt. The bolt ran along the ridge of the barn, went down a large upright post between two mows of hay, which did not ignite, and from the post jumped to the edge of the mangers in the cow stable. Fifteen cows were tied in this stable and the fickle lightning killed three, picking out every fifth one of the line in its work of destruction.

World's Largest Dam

The Sennar dam is 170 miles south of Khartoum, Egypt, where the Blue Nile joins the White Nile. The dam will contain 525,000 cubic yards of masonry, and will be 128 feet high at the deepest portion and two miles long. It will be the world's largest dam.

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K. V. Archambault, Richmond, California.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 7th day of October, 1925.

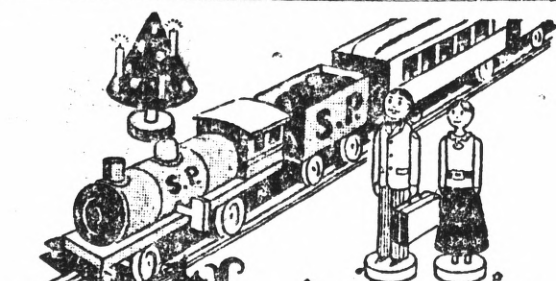
R. V. ARCHAMBAULT.
State of California, County of Contra Costa, ss.

On this 7th day of October, 1925, before me, Clare D. Horner, a notary public in and for said county, personally appeared R. V. Archambault, known to me to be the person described and whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

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